

RAAF F-111C AIRCREW – Air Marshals, 3- Star Rank

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Term		Years		
Apr-82	May-85	3.1	Chief of the Air Staff	Air Marshal Selwyn David Evans, AC, DSO, AFC
May-85	Jul-87	2.2	Chief of the Air Staff	Air Marshal John 'Jake' Newham, AC
Jul-87	Oct-92	5.3	Chief of the Air Staff	Air Marshal Ray Funnell, AC
May-98	Jun-01	3.1	Chief of Air Force	Air Marshal Errol McCormack, AO
Aug-05	Jul-08	2.9	Chief of Air Force	Air Marshal Geoff 'Shep' Shepherd, AO
Jul-11	Jul-15	4.0	Chief of Air Force	Air Marshal Geoff Brown, AO
Jul-15	Jul-19	4.0	Chief of Air Force	Air Marshal Gavin 'Leo' Davies, AO, CSC
Oct-10	Dec-11	1.2	Chief of Capability Development Group	Air Marshal John Harvey, AM

CAS vs CAF

the position title was changed from 'Chief of the Air Staff' (CAS) to
'Chief of Air Force' (CAF) in February 1997

During the F-111C era, **eight F-111C aircrew attained Air Marshal**, 3-star rank:

- seven F-111C Pilots; who become 'F-111C Chiefs', CAS or CAF
- one F-111C Navigator; who became the Chief of Capability Development Group

RAAF F-111C AIRCREW – Air Vice-Marshals, 2-Star Rank

Term			
1981	1983	Deputy Chief of the Air Staff	Air Vice-Marshal Henry Hughes, AO, DFC
1983	1985	Deputy Chief of the Air Staff	Air Vice-Marshal Jake Newham, AO
1985	1987	Deputy Chief of the Air Staff	Air Vice-Marshal Billie Collings, AO, AFC
1994	1997	Deputy Chief of the Air Staff	Air Vice-Marshal Dave Rogers, AM
1997	1998	Deputy Chief of Air Force	Air Vice-Marshal Errol McCormack, AM
2008	2011	Deputy Chief of Air Force	Air Vice-Marshal Geoff Brown, AM
2012	2015	Deputy Chief of Air Force	Air Vice-Marshal Gavin 'Leo' Davies, AO, CSC
2019	2022	Deputy Chief of Air Force	Air Vice-Marshal Stephen Meredith, AM, DSM
2023	2024	Deputy Chief of Air Force & ACAUST	Air Vice-Marshal Glen 'Blitz' Braz, AM, CSC, DSM
1987	1990	AOC Support Command	Air Vice-Marshal Alan Reed
1999	2000	ACAUST	Air Vice-Marshal Pete 'PJC' Criss
2002	2003	DG Air Force Reserves	Air Vice-Marshal Dave 'D2' Dunlop
2006	2014	Senior Program Manager JSF, AEW&C, Submarines	Air Vice-Marshal Chris 'Deebs' Deeble, AO, CSC
2008	2011	Head Australian Defence Staff Washington DC	Air Vice-Marshal Kym 'Koz' Osley, AM, CSC
2007	2010	Commander IADS	Air Vice-Marshal Kevin 'KP' Paule, AM
2008	2012	ACAUST	Air Vice-Marshal Mark 'Skates' Skidmore, AM
2020	2022	Commander IADS	Air Vice-Marshal Geoff 'Beetle' Harland, AM, CSC, DSM
2021	2024	Head of Air Force Capability	Air Vice-Marshal Robert 'Nugget' Denney, AM

RAAF Amberley Base Commanders

AIRCDRE CH Spurgeon CBE DFC	25 Jun 71 - 14 Feb 75
AIRCDRE SD Evans DSO AFC	14 Feb 75 - 22 Apr 77
AIRCDRE RF Drury MVO AFC	22 Apr 77 - 22 Aug 80
AIRCDRE PL Coy DSO	22 Aug 80 - 28 Jan 83
AIRCDRE JI Thomson AM	28 Jan 83 - 16 Jan 85
AIRCDRE IM Westmore AM	16 Jan 85 - 15 Dec 86
AIRCDRE RJ Walsh AFC	15 Dec 86 - 31 May 88

CDR Strike Reconnaissance Group (SRG)

AIRCDRE RJ Walsh AFC	1 Jun 88 - 17 Feb 89
AIRCDRE BD Searle AM	17 Feb 89 - 15 Jan 92
AIRCDRE DN Rogers AM	15 Jun 92 - 9 Nov 94
AIRCDRE RL Perry	9 Nov 94 - 12 Dec 97
AIRCDRE PW Growder	12 Dec 97 - 6 Mar 00
AIRCDRE DJ Dunlop	6 Mar 00 - 31 Dec 01

** HQSRG Deactivated on 31 Dec 01, Reactivated as Air Combat Group (ACG) on 1 Jan 02, RAAF Williamtown*

CDR Air Combat Group (ACG)

AIRCDRE AP Grady	2012-2015
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OFFICERS COMMANDING 82 WING

<i>GPCAPT</i>	<i>C.H. SPURGEON DFC</i>	24 July 1967
<i>GPCAPT</i>	<i>H.A. HUGHES</i>	17 July 1969
<i>WGCDR</i>	<i>R.E. FROST (Temp)</i>	23 March 1970
<i>WGCDR</i>	<i>R.E. FROST</i>	26 September 1970
<i>GPCAPT</i>	<i>J.W. NEWHAM DISBANDED</i>	8 December 1972
<i>GPCAPT</i>	<i>E.J. MCCORMACK REFORMED</i>	2 February 1987
GPCAPT	R.L. PERRY	1 December 1988
GPCAPT	P.J. CRISS AFC	15 January 1991
GPCAPT	D.J. DUNLOP	22 December 1992
<i>GPCAPT</i>	<i>P.W. GROWDER</i>	<i>16 January 1995</i>
GPCAPT	G.D. SHEPHERD	8 December 1995
GPCAPT	K.J. PAULE	30 November 1998
GPCAPT	G.C. BROWN	14 December 2000
GPCAPT	K. OSLEY CSC	16 December 2002
GPCAPT	M.G. SMITH (Temp)	23 July 2004
GPCAPT	G.N. DAVIES	10 December 2004
GPCAPT	A.P. GRADY	1 January 2007
GPCAPT	P.A. LLOYD	14 January 2008
GPCAPT	S.P. ROBERTON	31 March 2010
GPCAPT	G. HARLAND CSC	5 December 2011
GPCAPT	M.D. GRAY	11 December 2013
GPCAPT	G.E. BRAZ CSC DSM	3 December 2015
GPCAPT	P. JARVIS	1 June 2022
GPCAPT	S. THORNTON	1 January 2025 -



No. 1 SQUADRON Honour Board

DATE	Commanding Officer	Location	Aircraft
04-Mar-55	<i>WGCDR C.H.SPURGEON</i>	Tengah	Lincoln
09-Mar-62	<i>WGCDR F.M. GRIGGS, DFC, DFM</i>	Amberley	Canberra
17-Dec-62	<i>WGCDR C.H.SPURGEON, DFC</i>	Amberley	Canberra
28-Nov-66	<i>WGCDR H.A. HUGHES, DFC</i>	Amberley	Canberra
21-Jul-69	<i>SQNLDR J.I. THOMPSON (T)</i>	Amberley	Canberra
03-Jul-72	<i>SQNLDR I.S. SKIPWORTH (T)</i>	Amberley	Phantom
23-Feb-73	<i>SQNLDR D.N. ROGERS (T)</i>	Amberley	Phantom
01-Jun-73	WGCDR G.W. TALBOT, AFC	Amberley	F111C
25-Jun-76	<i>WGCDR R.J. WALSH, AFC</i>	Amberley	F111C
09-Jan-78	<i>WGCDR E.J. McCORMACK</i>	Amberley	F111C
13-Dec-79	<i>WGCDR B.D. SEARLE</i>	Amberley	F111C
07-Jun-82	WGCDR C.E. ROWLAND	Amberley	F111A F111C
29-Jun-84	WGCDR B.J. ROBERTS	Amberley	F111A F111C
01-Sep-86	SQNLDR J.R. McCAULEY (T)	Amberley	F111A F111C
05-Jan-87	WGCDR D.J. DUNLOP	Amberley	F111A F111C
12-Dec-88	WGCDR P.J. CRISS, AFC	Amberley	F111A F111C
15-Jan-91	WGCDR G.J. FITZGERALD	Amberley	F111A F111C
11-Jan-94	WGCDR M.R. HURMAN	Amberley	F111A F111C
20-Dec-94	WGCDR S. WALKER	Amberley	F111A F111C
12-Dec-97	WGCDR K. OSLEY	Amberley	F111
03-Dec-99	WGCDR P.A. LLOYD	Amberley	F111
13-Dec-01	WGCDR G.N. DAVIES	Amberley	F111
05-Dec-03	WGCDR P.J. WILLMOT	Amberley	F111
16-Jan-06	WGCDR G. HARLAND, CSC	Amberley	F111
14-Jan-08	WGCDR M.D. GRAY	Amberley	F111
03-Nov-08	<i>WGCDR G. BRAZ</i>	Amberley	F/A-18F



DATE	Commanding Officer	Aircraft
01-Jun-73	WGCDR R.G. FUNNELL	F-111C
19-Nov-75	WGCDR G.J. MOORE, AM	F-111C
09-Jun-78	WGCDR R.J. WALSH, AFC	F-111C
01-Aug-78	WGCDR D.N. ROGERS	F-111C
04-Mar-80		F-111C/RF-111C
17-Jun-80	WGCDR P.J.O. HACKETT	F-111C
23-Jul-82		F-111C/RF-111C/LR35 Learjet
29-Dec-82	SQNLDR L.D. BOYD (T)	F-111C/RF-111C/LR35 Learjet
15-Jun-83	WGCDR S.J. FENTON	F-111C/RF-111C/LR35 Learjet
06-Jan-86	WGCDR A.T. BLYTH	F-111C/RF-111C/LR35 Learjet
15-May-87		End LR35 Learjet Ops
15-Dec-87	WGCDR J. WARD	F-111C/RF-111C
14-Jan-91	WGCDR G.D. SHEPHERD	F-111C/RF-111C
02-Jul-93	WGCDR F.L. ATKINS	F-111C/RF-111C
10-May-94		F-111C/RF-111C/F-111G
20-Dec-94	WGCDR M.R. HURMAN	F-111C/RF-111C/F-111G
Jul 1986		RF-111C Transferred to 1SQN
09-Dec-96	WGCDR K.J. PAULE	F-111C/F-111G
25-Nov-98	WGCDR D.C. STEELE, CSC	F-111C/F-111G
02-Jan-01	WGCDR A.P. GRADY	F-111C/F-111G
10-Dec-02	WGCDR M.G. SMITH	F-111C/F-111G
23-Jul-04	A/WGCDR K.M. MCGRATH (T)	F-111C/F-111G
17-Jan-05	WGCDR K.P. QUINN	F-111C/F-111G
15-Jan-07	WGCDR S.L. MEREDITH	F-111C
03-Nov-08	WGCDR M.D. GRAY	F-111C
10-Dec-10	<i>WGCDR T.R. DEETH</i>	F/A-18F Super Hornet
10-Dec-12	<i>WGCDR R. DENNEY</i>	F/A-18F Super Hornet